

Jesus Cares!

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Mark 4:37-38 (ESV)

³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

My brothers and my sisters; as sure as we are breathing, we will face storms in life. These storms can be physical, mental, or emotional. Truth be told; storms tend to bring about anxiety, fear, and panic, and sometimes with good reason. Perhaps, it's because of the damage it's known to cause; or the very fact we know it's something we can't control, but we do our best to prepare for them anyway. Some people panic at the thought of a thunderstorm, the fear that lightning will strike, flooding will happen, and power outages will leave them sitting in the dark. Some people panic when they hear that a snowstorm is on the way, and buy more toilet paper, milk, and bread than they need, in fear of running out. And then there are storms, the storms in which the gospel artist, Yolanda Adams sings about, "They meet us all at a time when I'm Calm and doing fine." Sickness in the body, Storm! Death of a loved one, Storm! Divorce, Storm! Job loss, Storm! Violence in our streets, Storm! Lack of resources, Storm! This pandemic, Storm!

The context that surrounds the above scriptures; is one in which the disciples and Jesus are in a storm. The passage said, it was a great windstorm. The wind was so robust that the water from the lake didn't get inside the boat, but it was so much water that it was filling the boat. I imagine this caused the disciples to become panicked. They went looking for Jesus and found Him asleep. They woke Him up and asked, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" It appears that during this storm; they didn't remember that Jesus told them that they were going to cross to the other side. Isn't that just like us, when the storm blows in our lives, we go straight into panic mode, and the last thing on our mind is what Jesus said. My brothers and my sisters Jesus cares about you and me. Having sleepless nights, He said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Facing something that looks impossible; He said, "If thou can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Jesus silenced that storm, but He also asked the disciples the question ... "Do you still have no faith?" Maybe it wasn't that they forgot what Jesus said, but they didn't have the faith to believe what He said.

When the storms of life begin to blow, remember that Jesus cares; and let your faith in His word, carry you through, to the other side of your storm.